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SUMMARY: NPG TECHNOLOGY STUDY GROUP MET JAN 21-22 TO HEAR  
TECHNICAL PRESENTATIONS BY US REPS AND AGREE ON PURPOSE, SCOPE,  
ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY FOR STUDY. GROUP SET UP TWO STUDY  
TEAMS, ONE TO STUDY MILITARY/TECHNICAL IMPLICATIONS OF NEW NUCLEAR  
AND CLOSELY RELATED CONVENTIONAL TECHNOLOGY, AND THE SECOND TO  
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CONDUCT POLITICAL ANALYSIS. END SUMMARY.

1. NPG TECHNOLOGY STUDY GROUP MET JAN 21-22 AT NATO HEAD-  
QUARTES TO FORMULATE GUIDELINES AND ORGANIZE STRUCTURE FOR

STUDY. TECHNICAL PRESENTATIONS ON NEW TECHNOLOGIES BY DNA (DR. ATKINS) AND DDR&E (DR. MINNEMAN) REPS MORNING OF JAN 21 WERE EXTREMELY WELL RECEIVED. TENOR OF MEETINGS UNDER US CHAIRMANSHIP (MGEN MCAULIFFE) WAS POSITIVE AND BUSINESSLIKE WITH GOOD DISCUSSION OF THE MATERIAL PRESENTED. IN PLENARY SESSION, GROUP AGREED ON PURPOSE OF STUDY AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE TO EXAMINE THE POLITICAL AND MILITARY IMPLICATIONS OF NEW WEAPONS SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY FOR THE TACTICAL USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. THIS WILL INVOLVE AN EVALUATION OF HOW NEW IMPROVED TECHNOLOGY CONSIDERED TO BE AVAILABLE IN THE NEAR FUTURE MIGHT CONTRIBUTE TO, OR IMPROVE, DETERRENCE AND DEFENSE CAPABILITIES WITHIN THE BROAD FRAMEWORK OF NATO STRATEGY (MC 14/3). END QUOTE.

2. GROUP DEFINED SCOPE OF STUDY CONSONANT WITH TASK ASSIGNMENT GIVEN BY NPG/D(74)3. GROUP AGREED THAT CERTAIN NEW CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS WOULD BE INCLUDED IN STUDY INSOFAR AS THEY WERE DIRECTLY RELATED TO NUCLEAR QUESTIONS. UK REP SUGGESTED THAT PRESENT SACEUR NUCLEAR STUDY COULD BE USED AS INPUT FOR QUESTIONS RELATING TO STOCKPILE NUMBERS AND MIX BUT GROUP CONCLUDED THAT CONSIDERATION OF SUCH USE WAS PREMATURE.

3. GROUP AGREED THAT BASIC ASSUMPTIONS FOR STUDY MIGHT INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING: QUOTE

-THE WARSAW PACT WILL CONTINUE TO POSE A SIGNIFICANT THREAT AND ITS ORGANIZATION, DEPLOYMENTS AND CAPABILITIES WILL CONTINUE TO IMPROVE.

-SIMILARY, NATO ORGANIZATION, DEPLOYMENTS AND CAPABILITIES WILL CONTINUE TO IMPROVE AS CURRENTLY PLANNED.

-THREAT WILL BE ADDRESSED UNDER TWO ALTERNATIVES:

--COMPARABLE CAPABILITY WITH NEW TECHNOLOGY

--LACKING COMPARABLE NEW TECHNOLOGY

-WEAPONS AND SYSTEMS CONSIDERED WILL BE THOSE BELIEVED AVAILABLE IN THE TIME FRAME OF THE STUDY (1975-1985).

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-NATO STRATEGY WILL CONTINUE TO BE BASED UPON FLEXIBLE REUBONSE AS SET FORTH IN MC14/3 AND WILL CONTINUE TO RELY ON THE NATO TRIAD.

-CURRENT GUIDELINES AND CONSULTATIVE PROCEDURES WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT. END QUOTE.

4. GROUP STRUCTURE WILL INCLUDE MILITARY IMPLICATIONS TEAM CHAIRED BY UK AND POOITICAL IMPLICATIONS TEAM CHAIRED BY FRG. BELGIUM, DENMARK, FRG, ITALY, NETHERLANDS, NORWAY, UK, US, AND TURKEY WILL PUT REPRESENTATIES ON BOTH TEAMS. CANADA AND GREECE WILL SIT ONLY ON MILITARY TEAM. THE MILITARY IMPLICATIONS TEAM WILL ALSO INCLUDE A TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY PANEL WHOSE FUNCTION WILL BE TO PROVIDE DATA DN COUNSEL

ON TECHNICAL POINTS. MNCS, IMS, AND IS WERE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN STUDY IN ADVISOR/OBSERVER STATUS. THE US, AS CHAIRMAN OF THE FULL STUDY PANEL, WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR OVERALL COORDINATION. GROUP SET SPRING 1976 AS TARGET DATE FOR NPG MINISTERIAL CONSIDERATION OF FINAL REPORT WITH INTERIM PROGRESS REPORTS BEING PROVIDED FOR THE 1975 SPRING AND FALL NPG MINISTERIAL MEETING.

5. MEETING SEPARATELY JAN 22, MILITARY IMPLICATIONS AND POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS TEAMS DISCUSSED GENERAL TERMS OF REFERENCE AND REQUIREMENTS FOR RESPECTIVE EFFORTS. MILITARY IMPLICATIONS TEAM AGREED TO MEET IN BRUSSELS FEBRUARY 18-20. RECOGNIZING THAT POLITICAL ANALYSIS OF NEW TECHNOLOGY WILL DRAW HEAVILY ON RESULTS OF MILITARY/TECHNICAL ANALYSIS, POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS TEAM AGREED TO MEET IN APRIL FOR INITIAL WORKING SESSION. BRUCE

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